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Baldwin Village Man Charged with Assaulting Elderly Man on the 105 Freeway

A 19-year-old man has been charged with assaulting an 83-year-old man during a road rage incident that began on the 105 Freeway, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Philip Norris said Gordon Cornelius Fritz (dob 11/2/95) of Baldwin Village is facing one felony count of elder or dependent adult abuse in case YA092248.

Fritz pleaded not guilty today and is due back on June 18 in Department 5 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Inglewood Branch.

The incident began on the freeway after the defendant's vehicle allegedly got close to crashing against the victim's car on March 31. After some yelling and honking, Fritz allegedly rammed against the elderly man's car and when they pulled over to the side of the road the defendant began punching the victim in the face, the prosecutor said.

Fritz is accused of then following the victim off the freeway and attacking him again near Arbor Vitae Street and Prairie Avenue in the city of Inglewood, the prosecutor added.

Bail was set at \$50,000. The defendant faces up to four years in state prison if convicted as charged.

The case remains under investigation by the California Highway Patrol, West Los Angeles Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 71,000 felony defendants and nearly 112,000 misdemeanor defendants.